

4 March 1986
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--February 1986

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. King Husayn, in an unprecedented 3 and 1/2 hour televised speech to the nation on 19 February, announced that Jordan would no longer "coordinate politically with the PLO leadership until such time as their word becomes their bond." The speech thus put an end, at least temporarily, to the joint Palestinian-Jordanian approach to Middle East peace talks.

The importance of the speech was underscored by the prerelease of the official text in both Arabic and English, and by the accompaniment of the speech while being broadcast with English subtitles.

The bureau brought all off-duty monitors in to help process the speech, which turned out to be largely a time-consuming exercise in comparing all the available versions. The official Arabic and English texts, which were received at the bureau shortly before the scheduled broadcast of the speech, were compared against each other and then against the speech as broadcast. The official English text held up very well in the face of intense monitorial scrutiny, again demonstrating the care with which the speech was prepared.

The bureau filed a series of FYI's and a four-take out-of-turn excerpt on the key part of the speech. A later message from the Wire noted that major consumers were "very pleased" with the bureau's "rapid and professional handling" of the speech. The entire 23-take speech was filed in time for publication in the 20 February DAILY REPORT.

On the 20th, we provided the embassy Political Section with three videotape copies of the speech dubbed into VHS format for local consumers. A VSL was filed and the videotapes forwarded, with another local consumer request to provide a copy to a Headquarters component.

B. Coverage

1. Continuing efforts to secure reliable deliveries of Iraqi newspapers, after a promising start, have again come to naught. A new vendor was able to supply the papers for several days, but then the supply line from Baghdad to Amman dried up completely.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Monitor received a PSI to FBN-9/2 on the 16th. STAT

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2. Monitor supervisor [] received a PSI to FBN-11/4, also effective 16 February.

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3. Senior Monitor [] was promoted to Monitor Supervisor, FBN-11/2, on 2 March.

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4. Associate Editor [] was promoted to FBN-10/4, effective 2 March.

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III. VISITS

A. To the Bureau

1. Regional Engineer [] 1-3 March.

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Chief, ~~Jordan~~ Bureau

ATT: Monthly Production Report

JORDAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 229,898
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 46,620
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 797

II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: BROAD- PRESS PUBLI-
 CASTS AGENCIES CATIONS
 (MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK) 6570 13470 73

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
 (PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CLANDESTINE (IRAN AND IRAQ)
 (CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN
 ARABIC 0
 (CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI REVOLUTION IN
 ARABIC 0
 BAHRAIN
 MANAMA WAKH IN
 ARABIC 150
 FRANCE
 PARIS RADIO MONTE CARLO IN
 ARABIC 13500
 PARIS AL-MUSTAQBAL IN
 ARABIC 1600
 PARIS AL-WATAN AL-'ARABI IN
 ARABIC 10320
 IRAQ
 BAGHDAD VOICE OF THE MASSES IN
 ARABIC 42610
 BAGHDAD VOICE OF PLO IN
 ARABIC 10220
 BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
 ARABIC 2140
 BAGHDAD INA IN
 ARABIC 33960
 BAGHDAD INA IN
 ENGLISH 0
 BAGHDAD AL-JUMHURIYAH IN
 ARABIC 0
 BAGHDAD AL-TAWARRAH IN
 ARABIC 0
 ISRAEL
 JERUSALEM IN
 ARABIC TO THE ARAB WORLD 660
 JERUSALEM AL-FAJR IN
 ARABIC 0
 JERUSALEM AL-MITHAQ IN
 ARABIC 0
 JERUSALEM AL-QUDS IN
 ARABIC 0
 JERUSALEM AL-SHA'B IN
 ARABIC 0
 JERUSALEM AL-TALI'AH IN
 ARABIC 0
 JORDAN
 AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
 ARABIC 10870
 AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
 ENGLISH 250
 AMMAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN
 ARABIC 17250
 AMMAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN
 ENGLISH 3330
 AMMAN PETRA-JNA IN
 ARABIC 1310
 AMMAN AL-DUSTUR IN
 ARABIC 4070
 AMMAN AKHBAR AL-USBU' IN
 ARABIC 0
 AMMAN AL-RAY' IN
 ARABIC 4370
 AMMAN THE JERUSALEM STAR IN
 ENGLISH 360
 AMMAN JORDAN TIMES IN
 ENGLISH 3190
 AMMAN SAWT AL-SHA' B IN
 ARABIC 2430
 LEBANON
 HAJI 'UYUN LEBANON VOICE OF HOPE IN
 ARABIC 0
 QATAR
 DOHA QNA IN
 ARABIC 500
 SUDAN
 KHARTOUM SUNA IN
 ARABIC 8200
 KHARTOUM SUNA IN
 ENGLISH 11760
 SYRIA
 DAMASCUS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
 ARABIC 24040
 DAMASCUS TELEVISION SERVICE IN
 ARABIC 8620
 DAMASCUS SANA IN
 ARABIC 5140
 VOICE OF ARAB EGYPT IN
 ARABIC 240